

Ficus virens — Banyan

Scientific Name:

Ficus virens

Common Name:

Banyan

Affectionately Known As:

The Tree of Knowledge

Register Number:

1

Location of Tree:

Darwin Civic Centre, 17 (Lot 3981) Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin NT

GPS:

-12.46452, 130.84532

Categories of Significance:

Size
Age
Historical
Cultural
Unique Location

Date Planted:

1898

Planted By:

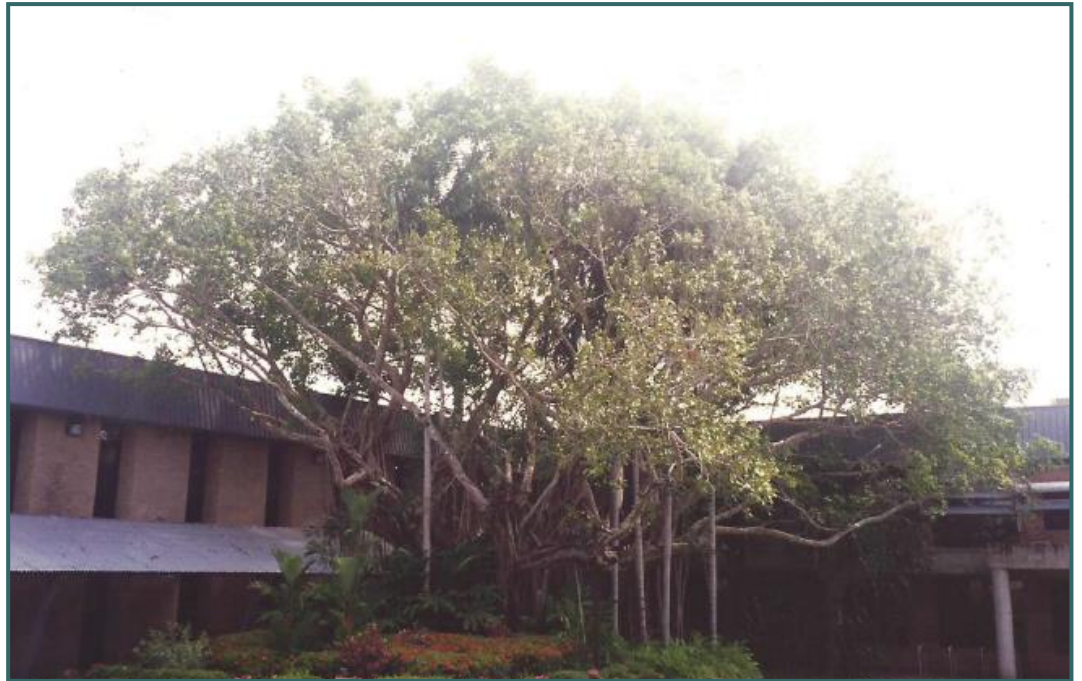
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Year Listed:

1986

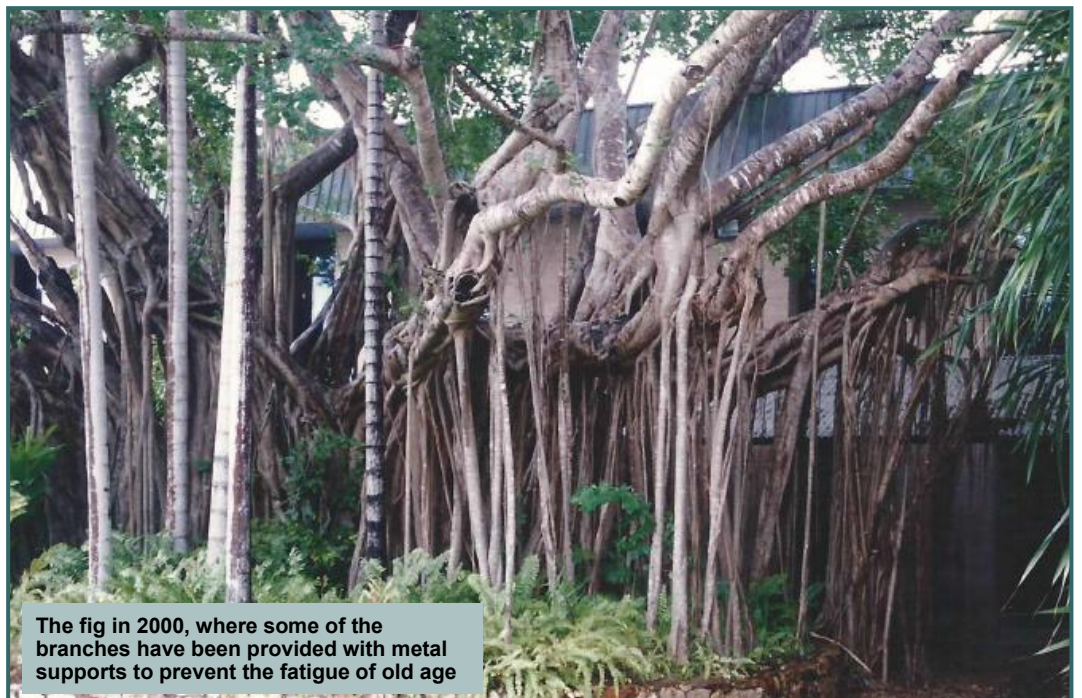
Additional Listings:

Heritage listed 1970's



The Tree of Knowledge is of social and historical importance. During the late 1960's and early 1970's the Darwin community showed the value they placed on this tree by successfully campaigning to save it and have it incorporated into the Darwin Civic Centre complex.

The area used to be known as Chinatown. Cavenagh Street passed here to join the Esplanade. The tree was a meeting place for the early Darwin community as it stood outside the Terminus Hotel and in close proximity to the wharf and railway station. People made it a calling place for their first or last drink.



The fig in 2000, where some of the branches have been provided with metal supports to prevent the fatigue of old age



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